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### **REPORT BACK ON PREVENTING A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE REDUCTION FOR DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS (ITEM NO. 55, AGENDA OF MAY 20, 2014)**

On May 20, 2014, a Motion presented by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to report back every two weeks regarding the identification of appropriate alternative sites for the provision of DMH CalWORKs services, Wellness Clinical Team services, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs that were relocated from the Little Tokyo Lofts (LTL) site, so that no service delivery delays or reductions will occur for the County residents originally targeted for services. Every two weeks written updates will be provided to the Board until alternative sites are identified and opened for services.

Since our last report dated July 16, 2014, DMH and Second District staff has toured the proposed alternative space for the CalWORKs program and Preventive and Early Intervention (PEI) programs and determined that it is suitable. The location is 621 South Maple Avenue and 224 East 6th Street – former Greyhound/Rapid Transit District (RTD) station covering the entire City block. CEO Real Estate Division (CEO-RED), County Counsel, and legal counsel for the building owners are in the final phase of approving the lease terms. Notifications of the building's proposed occupation have been issued to the City of Los Angeles, First and Second Districts. The proposed space is in a retail district and has been posted with numerous notifications of the County's intended use. In addition, CEO-RED has confirmed that the City of Los Angeles will work closely with us to expedite the permits for the tenant

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improvements required for the new space. A tentative schedule of events leading to completion of the project will be discussed in upcoming reports. Client services continue to be conducted at the Downtown Mental Health Center (DMHC) while steps are taken to prepare the alternative site.

The successful completion of the modular space located at 640 and 646 South Maple Avenue will allow a portion of DMH staff to move into the facility August 2-3, 2014. Some operations will continue at the former DMHC while the Department of Public Works begins preliminary work on the aggressive schedule of the building's renovation.

With regard to the status of the LTL site, the CEO continues contact with the LTL facility management. DMH is scheduled to move its Human Resources operation into the space in November 2014.

The CEO and DMH are close to resolving the location of alternative space suitable to continue client services. Once all terms are negotiated, we hope to present to the Board a plan that will meet your approval.

If you have questions, your staff may contact Rita Robinson at (213) 893-2477, or email [rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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